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Largest possible yield from seed furnished, as well as
conscientious guarding of same from other Seedsmen
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Henderson's Green and Gold Watermelon.
A. W. Smith's Ruby Gold Watermelon.
A. W. Smith's Rosy Cream Watermelon.
Smith's Hybrid Moonflowers.
Smith's Northern Light Moonflowers.

Largest Grower in the United States, if not the World, of Moon Flower, Ipomea Noctiflora Evening Glory.

Americus, Ga.

May 12 1903

W.W. Tracy Esq.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I enclose list of items I will grow the coming season, with the prices of same. I shall be pleased to have an entry at an early date, for what you may desire, and assure that all seeds furnished will be the very best of their kind and true to name. One feature should be specially considered, and that is their thoroughly clean condition and freedom from imperfect seed. Should you be in the market for large lots of Imperial Japanese Morning Glory seed, I will be pleased to make you special quotations. The Japanese Morning Glory seed I offer are equal to the best offered at any price, and superior by far to any I can buy, and will have as many Semi-Double and Double blooms as seed sold specially as Semi-Double and Doubles. Any one who claims to sell these seeds which will produce specific varieties, either has had no experience, or is simply talking to sell. My expectations, as indicated on page 3, were more than realized, and the coming crop will be grown from products of blooms some of which measured $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches across, and surpassed in every respect preceding crops. Being still further hybridized, I shall look for greater improvement in coming crop over that of last year.

Respectfully yours,

A. W. SMITH'S Hybrid Moon Flowers

OR

Ipomea Noctiflora.

My Hybrid Moonflowers, originated from cross of true White Seeded and the "Ipomea Noctileuca," brought into prominence by Messrs. Henderson & Co., as the "Moonflowers." Seed from first cross have continued to be planted and fertilized by White-Seeded, until now the seeds of the Hybrids are of many varying shades, some being black, some brown, some parti-colored and some creamy-white. The vines and foliage differing in shape, size and texture, whilst the blooms, pure white, run all the sizes, from five to seven inches in diameter and present four or five distinct shapes.

The Hybrids are in **in full bloom 45 to 60 days** before the White-seeded, making it a **decided acquisition** for growing far North. Parties write me from Massachusetts that they secured blooms from my Hybrids, whilst never having been able to procure blooms from White-Seeded.

Persons purchasing Smith Hybrid Moonflower or Ipomea may get plants producing four or five different shaped blooms, and blooms from five to seven inches in diameter, size never attained by White-Seeded. The White-Seeded I also grow extensively, and in Southern and Middle States it is a splendid thing, but it is too late North, unless started in hot-beds. Indeed, both varieties at the North should be started in hot-beds to secure their flowering and have them "**Glories,**" as we term them.

The seed should be cut or scraped at the edge, running from eye to point of seed or the point of seed cut off and soaked in luke-warm water **one night only**, and then planted in **warm, moist soil**, to secure prompt germination. Florists should ask seedsmen for A. W. Smith's Hybrid or Cross Seed and take no others.

Price of Smith's Hybrid will be \$4.50 per pound for five pounds or more, and \$5.00 per pound for less than five-pound lots.

White Seed will be \$4.60.....per pound for five-pound lots or more and \$.....per pound for less than five pounds. Both vines will grow over 50 feet and produce white blooms.

Inquire as to Ipomea Petite Blanc and Ipomea Petite Pink.

Imperial Japanese Morning Glories.

You will note that this season I quote only the Single. I do this for the reason that I do not wish to mislead; for though last season I bought the best seed that money could buy, paying as high as \$42.00 per pound for some, and more for others in packets, as Doubles, and had sent me seed from two of the largest houses in U. S. to be grown specially for their own stock as Doubles, yet of the many thousands of vines grown by me only five produced Doubles, and they mere abortions with neither beauty or attractiveness in them, drying up without producing seed. The stock I had produced Semi-Double and Singles, and it is the selection from this product I now offer as Singles; they embracing plain Singles [which are really the handsomest] Semi-Doubles, Quilled and Frilled, Crimped and Scalloped, and with every hue and color, except Yellow. To begin to describe the colors, shadings, hues, combinations of colors, variations in markings, would be impossible. Indeed, the beauty and variations are indescribable, and can only be appreciated when seen. One vine will bear blossoms so different that it would seem impossible. As to size and markings of blooms my seed will produce, I will simply say that neither the colored plates in catalogues of Vaughn, Henderson or any other I have seen begins to equal them.

The foliage also varies in shape, as well as color, latter being from dark green through all shades of green to light yellow, some being variegated with whitish and yellowish green on darker ground. My stock seed were selected by going in person and gathering 10 to 15 seed from each of the thousands of vines and mixing the whole. This will, I believe, give me the best stock and largest variations in shapes, hues and colors that the world can now show; and superior to any one stock grown anywhere; for the thousands of vines growing together must have hybridized and will cause all the more curious and freakish markings besides bringing forth still more innumerable shades of color. Those I had the past season not only were of every shade of Red, Violet, Darkest Purple, Blue [from Indigo to Heavenly], Pinks, White, Chocolates and Smokes in solid colors, but there would be dark Blue with White border, White with streaks of dark Blue, Chocolate with White border, Red and Pinks with White border and vice versa throughout every color. Price, \$3.00 per pound.

New Ipomea, Northern Light.

Cross between Smith's Hybrid and Ipomea Setosa.

This new p'ant has blooms some two inches in diameter, of Pink Lavender color, which come earlier in the season than any of the Ipomeas which open in the evening. The foliage is large and handsome, and remarkable in its drought-resisting qualities, the plant remaining green and fresh when others are yellow and withered from lack of moisture. The plants are the most rampant growers from time of germination, exceeding any other that I have grown.

As a screen, there is no plant that will cover more space in same time, and it will grow 50 feet or more. 3 00

Centrosema Grandiflora.

"LOOK AT ME."

\$ 6.00

.....per pound.

White Multiplier Onion Sets.

\$ 2.00

.....per bushel.

Yellow Potato Onion Sets.

\$ 1.60

.....per bushel.

Datura Cornucopia.

\$ 8.00

.....per pound.

Datura Golden Queen.

\$ 10.00

.....per pound.

Datura Double White.

\$ per pound.

Ipomea Setosa

[BRAZILIAN MORNING GLORY.]

\$ 3.00

.....per pound.